(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) is an autonomous Corporation constituted under the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990. The working of Prasar Bharati Corporation is, therefore, governed by the provisions of the said Act.

Republication of magazine by NFDC

379. SHRI C.R THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Development Corporation has relaunched its magazine Cinema in India after a gap of thirteen years;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to restart the publications of the magazines like 'Akashvani' and others which are stopped for some years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. The magazine 'Cinema in India' has been relaunched by National Film Development Corporation Ltd. after a gap of eight (8) years.

(b) to (d) Decision on publications such as 'Akashvani* are now taken by Prasar Bharati and not the Government.

Report of task force on cable TV sector

380. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1444 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the Task Force on issues pertaining to transparency, conditional access and addressibility in the Cable TV Sector has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Task force;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) by when Government propose to implement the said recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATISUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b)The task force has yet to finalise its recommendations.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

DD loss on private telecasting programmes

381. SHRISURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan lost about Rs. 10 crore to a private telecasting firm for its two programmes "Aankhon Dekhi" and "Dopahar Aankhon Dekhi" due to undue benefit extended to the firm as brought out in a recent report of the Comptroller and Auditor General;

(b) if so, the details of the contract and the event leading to the loss to Doordarshan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that until recently no investigation has been made into the deal; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps proposed to be taken to recover the rightful dues?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The C&AG in its report for the year ended March, 2000 has observed that Doordarshan did not apply the commercial rates in accordance with the then prevalent Rate Card in respect of news based programmes "Aankhon Dekhi' and "Dopahar Aankhon Dekhi' thereby giving an undue benefit of Rs. 9.96 crores to the producer of the programmes.

(c) and (d) the C&AG para on the subject is under examination.

Uniform Guidelines for Operation of Foreign Pay Channels

382. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to formulate uniform guidelines for